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**In Re:** Sundara Murugan  
**Case:** P4524  
**Serial No.:** 10/083,313  
**Filed:** 02/25/02  
**Subject:** Method and Apparatus for Implementing Automatic Protection  
Switching Functionality in a Distributed Processor Data Router

To the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**Response A**

**In the claims:**

All of the claims standing for examination are reproduced below.